By Mr. Connolly of Everett, petition of Edward G. Connolly relative to the designation of handicapped parking spaces. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DESIGNATION OF HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Section 22A of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 2 the 1998 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out the
- 3 second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sen-
- 4 tence:—
- 5 Parking spaces designated as reserved under the provisions of
- 6 this paragraph shall be identified by the use of above grade blue
- 7 signs with white lettering against a blue background and shall
- 8 bear the words "Handicapped Parking: Special Plate Required-
- 9 Unauthorized Vehicles May be Removed at Owner's Expense"
- 10 and may include the distinctive plate number for which a parking
- 11 space may be reserved; shall be as near as possible to a building
- 12 entrance or walkway; shall be adjacent to curb ramps or other
- 13 unobstructed methods permitting sidewalk access to a handi-
- 14 capped person; and shall be twelve feet wide or two eight-foot
- 15 wide areas with four feet of cross hatch between them.